**Plants to counter propaganda from neighbourhing countries**

346. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:
DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has recently worked out plans to counter the propaganda from neighboring countries in the border areas of North East and Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the range of transmitters already setup in the border areas would be enhanced to counter the propaganda; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CHOUDHURY MOHAN JATUA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. With the view to counter subversive and malicious anti-India propaganda by the neighbouring countries, there are several programmes mounted both in All India Radio and Doordarshan.

(c) and (d) Strengthening of the coverage of All India Radio and DD networks is an ongoing process. Proposals for setting up of new High Power/Low Power AIR/DD transmitters, FM transmitters, in the border areas are considered and approved by the Government as per the requirement from time to time. Jammu and Kashmir Special Package Phase-II and North East Special Package Phase-II have been approved in September 2007 and May 2006 respectively for expansion of Doordarshan and All India Radio services.

Multi channel AIR and TV coverage through Doordarshanus free-to-air DTH service "DD Direct Plus" has been provided in the entire country. It is possible to receive DTH signals anywhere in the country, including NE States and J & K, with the help of small sized dish receive units.

**Revenue collected from DTH operators**

347. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY:
SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is getting any regular revenue from the DTH operators;

(b) if so, the amount of revenue received by Government during the last three years; and

(c) whether this revenue includes hardware cost and carriage fee collected from various TV channels?